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Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries

1. Committee's Official Designation: The committee will be known as the Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries ("the Board").
2. Authority: The Secretary of Defense, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 1114(a)(1) and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.50(a), established the Board.
3. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Board provides independent advice and recommendations related to actuarial matters associated with the Department of Defense (DoD) Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund ("the Fund") and other related matters described in paragraph four below.
4. Description of Duties: The Board, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §§ 1114(b) and (c), shall report to the Secretary of Defense annually on the actuarial status of the Fund and shall furnish its advice and opinion on matters referred to it by the Secretary of Defense.

The Board shall review valuations of the Fund under 10 U.S.C. § 1115(c) and shall report periodically, not less than once every four years, to the President and the Congress on the status of the Fund. The Board shall include in such reports recommendations for such changes as in the Board's judgment are necessary to protect the public interest and maintain the Fund on a sound actuarial basis.

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Board reports to the Secretary of Defense annually on the actuarial status of the Fund and shall furnish its advice and opinion on matters referred to it by the Secretary. The Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.
6. Support: The DoD, through the Office of the USD(P&R), provides support, for the Board's performance and ensures compliance with the requirements of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended) ("the Sunshine Act"), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.
7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years: The estimated annual operating cost, to include travel, meetings, and contract support, is approximately \$80,000.00. The estimated annual personnel cost to the DoD is 0.4 full-time equivalents.
8. Designated Federal Officer: The Board's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) must be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, designated in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures.

The Board's DFO is required to attend all meetings of the Board for the entire duration of each and every meeting. However, in the absence of the Board's DFO, a properly approved Alternate DFO, duly designated to the Board according to established DoD policies and procedures, must attend the entire duration of all meetings of the Board.

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The DFO, or the Alternate DFO, calls all meetings of the Board; prepares and approves all meeting agendas; and adjourns any meeting when the DFO, or the Alternate DFO, determines adjournment to be in the public interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies and procedures.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: The Board meets at the call of the Board's DFO in consultation with the Board's chair. The estimated number of Board meetings is at least one per year.
10. Duration: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, this charter is subject to renewal every two years.
11. Termination: The Board terminates upon repeal of 10 U.S.C. § 1114.
12. Membership and Designation: The Board consists of three members appointed by the Secretary of Defense from among qualified professional actuaries who are members of the Society of Actuaries. Board members will serve for a term of 15 years, except that a Board member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the end of the term for which the predecessor was appointed shall serve only until the end of such term. A Board member may serve after the end of the term until a successor has taken the oath of office. The Board membership appointments are staggered so that a new member is appointed every five years. A Board member may be removed by the Secretary of Defense for misconduct or failure to perform functions vested in the Board and for no other reason. The Board's Chair will be designated by the USD(P&R) from among those Board members previously approved by the Secretary of Defense.  
  
Board members, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, will be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 3109 to serve as special government employee members and is entitled, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 1114(a)(3), to receive pay at the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay of the highest rate of basic pay under the General Schedule of subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, for each day the member is engaged in the performance of duties vested in the Board. Board members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees shall be appointed pursuant to 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.130(a) to serve as regular government employee members. All members are entitled to reimbursement for official Board-related travel and per diem.
13. Subcommittees: The DoD has determined that subcommittees will not be authorized for this Board.
14. Recordkeeping: The records of the Board shall be handled according to Section 2, General Records Schedule 26 and governing DoD policies and procedures. These records will be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended).

15. Filing Date: January 2, 2015

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